

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, and further and favorable consideration of the subject application, in light of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 7, 8, 10, and 12 have been amended in view of the applicants' elections to the restriction and election of species requirements. Additionally, claim 15 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject recited therein. No new matter has been added by way of the present amendments to the claims.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the invention of Group III, claims 7-8, and 10-13, which as defined by the Examiner is drawn to a method of preventing or treating a metabolic bone disease, classified in class 424, subclass 725. In addition, Applicants further elect the single metabolic bone disease of osteoporosis. This response is made without prejudice or disclaimer to any non-elected subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications directed to any non-elected subject matter.

In view of the foregoing, further favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

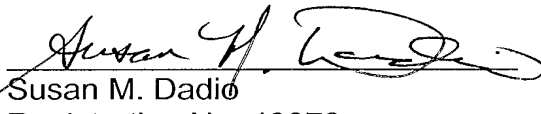
In the event that there are any questions related to this response, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed telephone number concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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